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For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR HEART  
VALVE REPAIR

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 12, 2007 (Paper No. Mail Date 20070705), which set forth a Restriction Requirement for pending claims 37-58, and for which a response is due on August 12, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and a fee for a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response up to and including September 12, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 37-48, drawn to a device for applying at least one clip, classified in class 606, subclass 143.

II. Claims 49-58, drawn to a method of applying a plurality of clips to annular tissue of a heart valve, classified in class 606, subclass 143.


Applicants hereby elect Group I, readable on claims 37-48 without traverse. Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing 578492000510. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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